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Examiner:

In re application of

Gamel et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312
April 17, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 10, 2001 (the "Office Action") issued in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant submits the following:

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the claims of the subject application were directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

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I. Claims 1, 3, 5-12, 44-53, 61-70, 74-76, 79-82 drawn to a method of mounting components, classified in class 29, subclass 740.

II. Claims 54-60, 71-73 and 77-78 drawn to a method of placement, classified in class 29, subclass 830.

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute invention I. Applicant retains the right to file a divisional application for non-elected invention II.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to respond to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, consideration of the application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any remaining concerns regarding Applicant's present response to the restriction requirements, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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